

World Languages: Summer Suggestions

All world language students should expose themselves to their language as much as possible this summer. By doing the following they may be able to curb the usual loss of skills during the summer hiatus:

- Listen, speak, and write your world language whenever possible. Check out the "A&E" on Fridays for international events that may include some language exposure.
- Rent videos in your world language or watch English videos with the subtitles on.
- Watch TV channels that are in your world language, e.g. Telemundo

Classes and Camps:

- Confucius Institute at PSU offers summer non-credit Chinese language and culture courses of different levels. Please check this website for details: <http://oia.pdx.edu>
- 2013 Chinese Bridge Summer Camp: Confucius Institute at PSU is facilitating the Confucius Institute Headquarters in China to accepting applications for the Chinese Bridge Summer Camp. For detailed info about this China study travel opportunity, contact Meiru Liu at lium@pdx-edu. Or call 503-725-9810 or 503-725-8561, 9am-5pm, Monday to Friday.

Other opportunities:

- EF Tour organizes annual summer educational trips to China. For detailed info, contact Elizabeth Haus at Elizabeth.Haus@ef.com
- National Security Language Initiative for Youth (NSLI-Y) language program administered by American councils offer studying abroad (China) summer program or long-term academic year program. Please check out this website for detailed info: exchanges.state.gov/youth/program/nsli.html

Films to Watch:

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TV drama series:

北京爱情故事 Beijing Love Story

Happy Chinese

Both the movies and the TV drama series can be found on Youtube.

Mandarin news sources/website:

BBC News 中文网 : <http://www.bbc.com/zhongwen/simp>

New York Times

Xinhua's Bilingual Zone

VOA News 中文网: <http://www.voachinese.com>